

In the Claims:

Claims 1 - 27: Canceled

Add new claims 28 - 68 as follows:

28. (new) A motorcycle helmet headset, comprising:

at least one audio transducer;

a transducer connector for electrically connecting said at least one audio transducer to a plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems adapted for use with respective different types of audio transducers, said transducer connector having a plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding respectively to said different types of audio transducers; and

an audio signal conduit adapted for interconnecting the headset with a first one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems, said audio signal conduit having a first proximal connector adapted to interconnect with said transducer connector and thereby operatively couple to a first one of said plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding to the type of audio transducer for which said first one of said audio systems is adapted.

29. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 28, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises a helmet microphone that does not require an external power source, and said plurality of different types of audio transducers comprises a microphone device that requires a power source and a microphone that does not require a power source.

30. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 29, wherein said helmet microphone is a dynamic microphone.

31. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 30, wherein said microphone device that requires a power source comprises a condenser microphone.

32. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 28, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises a combination dynamic microphone and microphone preamplifier device that requires a power source, and said plurality of different types of transducers comprises a microphone device that requires a power source and a microphone that does not require a power source.

33. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 29, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least one speaker.

34. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 29, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least two speakers.

35. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 29, wherein said transducer connector and said helmet microphone are mounted to the helmet.

36. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 29, further comprising an amplifier circuit connected between said helmet microphone and said transducer connector for matching said helmet microphone to a motorcycle audio system adapted for use with a microphone device that requires a power source.

37. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 36, wherein said microphone device that requires a power source is a condenser microphone.

38. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 36, wherein said microphone device that requires a power source is a combination dynamic microphone and amplifier.

39. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 36, wherein said amplifier circuit includes an input port electrically connected to said helmet microphone, and an output port having at least three output terminals electrically connected to one of said distinct sets of connector terminals of said transducer connector.

40. (new) The motorcycle helmet of claim 39, wherein one of said distinct sets of connector terminals includes a first one of said output terminals that is common to a second of said distinct sets of connector terminals and a second one of said output terminals that is not common to said second of said distinct sets of connector terminals, wherein said one of said distinct sets of connector terminals and said first one of said plurality of audio systems are adapted for use with an audio transducer that does not require a power source, and wherein said audio signal conduit is adapted to electrically connect said first and second output terminals together when mated mechanically with said first one of said plurality of audio systems.

41. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 40, wherein said at least one audio transducer includes at least one speaker, wherein said audio signal conduit includes a speaker conduit for transmitting a speaker signal from the audio system to said at least one speaker, and wherein said speaker conduit is distinct from said first common output terminal.

42. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 39, wherein said helmet microphone is a condenser microphone.

43. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 42, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least one speaker.

44. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 42, wherein said transducer connector is mounted to the helmet.

45. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of 42, wherein said transducer connector and said helmet microphone are mounted to the helmet.

46. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 45, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least one speaker.

47. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 28, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least one speaker.

48. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 28, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least two speakers.

49. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 28, wherein said transducer connector is mounted to the helmet.

50. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 49, wherein said transducer is mounted to the helmet.

51. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 28, wherein said audio signal conduit comprises a first portion and a second portion, said second portion being adapted to interconnect with said first portion, for selecting and operatively coupling said first one of said audio systems to said first one of said distinct sets of connector terminals.

52. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 51, wherein said audio signal conduit further comprises a third portion adapted to interconnect with said first portion, for

selecting and operatively coupling a second one of said audio systems to a second one of said distinct sets of terminals.

53. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 51, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises a helmet microphone that does not require a power source and said first one of said plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems is adapted for use with said helmet microphone, wherein a second one of said plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems is adapted for use with a microphone device requiring a power source, said first and second audio signal conduits portions being adapted for interconnecting said first one of said plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals with said first one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems, said third audio signal conduit portion being adapted for interconnecting a second one of said plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding to said microphone device with said second one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems by connecting said first audio signal conduit portion to said second one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems.

54. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 53, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises a helmet microphone that does not require a power source, and said plurality of different types of audio transducers includes a microphone device that requires a power source and a microphone that does not require a power source.

55. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 54, wherein said helmet microphone is a dynamic microphone.

56. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 55, wherein said microphone device that requires a power source is a condenser microphone.

57. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 55, wherein said microphone device that requires a power source is a combination dynamic microphone and amplifier.

58. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 54, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least one speaker.

59. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 58, wherein said transducer connector and said helmet microphone are mounted to the helmet.

60. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 54, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises at least two speakers.

61. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 54, wherein said transducer connector and said helmet microphone are mounted to the helmet.

62. (new) The motorcycle helmet headset of claim 51, wherein said at least one audio transducer comprises a helmet microphone device that requires a power source to produce a first amplification and said first one of said plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems is adapted for use with said helmet microphone, wherein a second one of said plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems is adapted for use with a second microphone device that requires a power source to produce a second amplification different from said amplification, said first and second audio signal conduits portions being adapted for interconnecting said first one of said plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals with said first one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems, said third audio signal conduit portion being adapted for interconnecting a second one of said plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding to said second microphone with said second one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems by connecting said first audio signal conduit portion to said second one of said plurality of motorcycle audio systems.

63. (new) A method for connecting a motorcycle helmet headset comprising at least one audio transducer to a selected one of a plurality of different types of motorcycle audio systems, comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a connector having a plurality of distinct sets of connector terminals corresponding respectively to the different types of motorcycle audio systems;
- (b) providing an audio signal conduit adapted for interconnecting a first of said distinct sets of connector terminals with a first one of the different types of motorcycle audio systems; and
- (c) selecting a first set of connector terminals from among said distinct sets of connector terminals by mating said audio signal conduit mechanically to said connector, and thereby electrically coupling the selected said connector terminals to the selected motorcycle audio system.

64. (new) The method of claim 63, further comprising adapting the audio signal conduit according to step (b) by selecting a first portion of said audio signal conduit adapted to interconnect with the selected one of said distinct sets of connector terminals, selecting a second portion of said audio signal conduit adapted to interconnect with the selected motorcycle audio system, and interconnecting said first and second portions.

65. (new) The method of claim 64, further comprising adapting the audio signal conduit for interconnecting a second of said distinct sets of connector terminals with a second one of the different types of motorcycle audio systems by selecting at least one other first or second portion.

66. (new) The method of claim 63, further comprising detachably operatively coupling an end of said audio signal conduit to the selected motorcycle audio system.

67. (new) The method of claim 63, wherein the at least one audio transducer includes a helmet microphone, further comprising detachably mounting the helmet microphone to the helmet.

68. (new) The method of claim 67, further comprising detachably mounting the helmet microphone to a boom on the helmet.